

VICISSITUDES OF LIFE.

Sequel to an Experience of a Struggling Young Author.

"You remember my telling you awhile ago, when we were talking about the vicissitudes of life," said a struggling young author, according to the New York Sun, "about an experience that I had once? I had a number of manuscripts, you remember, which I desired to sell and which I sent out to the publications I thought them best suited for. One after another they came back, until they had all come back but one. That one, in my own judgment, was much the best of the lot, and I had built strong hopes upon it; and when, so to speak, it still didn't come back, I felt sure that it had been accepted. But after waiting awhile longer and not hearing from it, I wrote, asking about it, and the publisher wrote me a polite note saying they had no record of it; it had never been received.

"That was the story as I told it to you, and I supposed that that was the end of it; and it was pretty tough, wasn't it? But now let me tell you the sequel.

"Of course I wrote a polite note in reply to the publisher; and in that note I described the manuscript and said that perhaps it might yet be found; and later it was found, and, by snakes, they returned it!

"That was solemn; but it was one of those things that are so everlastingly, gosh-blastedly solemn that you have to laugh over 'em; and there can't be anything very terrible in anything that you can laugh over; so, you see, come to take it altogether, that experience was not very distressing after all."

MOST PECULIAR ROOSTER.

He Very Much Resembles a Bird of Paradise.

To see a rooster that resembles a bird of paradise is a rare sight, but such a one has recently been a common spectacle in Japan, says the New York World.

This particular fowl was, apart from his gorgeous appendage, of the ordinary type found in Japan, except that he was a little more proud in his bearing than his fellows.

It may have been his manner that first led to his selection as the bearer of a most magnificent tail. The brief history that can be obtained of this freak rooster is silent on that point. It probably was selected because only an arrogant, lordly manner could support such a wonderful and variegated appendage.

Be that as it may, the rooster did certainly have a tail 16 feet long. In it were all the bright colors imaginable. The tail was far more brilliant in its colorings than the shining feather-fan of a peacock.

The neighbors of the Jap displayed no interest in the freak bird, but were amused by those who expressed admiration and wonder, who were invariably foreign travelers.

Then it was discovered that the beautiful long tail was not a freak of nature, but the clever work of the ingenious Jap, who had fashioned and fastened the tail in such a way as to defy detection except after the most minute scrutiny.

HIS LEG IS PULLED.

That Is How a Southern Congressman Regards His Lot.

"Some people may think that a congressman saves a pile of money out of his salary," said a well-known southern congressman, who was talking to a Washington Star reporter on the vicissitudes of running for office, and especially for congress, "but a man has to be a small walking bank to accommodate the large number of his 'friends' and supporters who need a little money for some urgent matter. In my state we have to make campaigns and appear before the people at meetings. Well, I have never attended a meeting but that I did not have some kind of a subscription poked into my face. Somebody wants something for a church and for missionary purposes or for helping some fellow who has been burned out.

"You can't avoid subscribing, and have to head the list with the largest sum. Then about the time you think you are through with having your leg pulled some lazy fellow will walk up and say: 'How do, general? I had ter quit my work ter come out and hear you terday, and I think yer mout giv' me a dollar.' While you have the greatest contempt for the man, you give him the dollar.

"When you leave the meeting you are out anywhere from \$20 to \$50. These are just a few instances of what a candidate has to spend money for. After he gets through the campaign and is elected he has to furnish every dead beat from his district who should happen to come to Washington with money. I've actually given them money and railroad tickets to get home and have them go back and work against me."

IRONY OF FATE.

It Pursues Two Eminent Respectable Ladies Who Could Not Agree.

Not long ago there were two ladies stopping at the same boarding house. They were single ladies, be it said, and both highly respectable. But for some reason, says the Minneapolis Times, known only to themselves, they "couldn't get along," and matters went between them from bad to worse till they "quit speaking."

They both got tired, of course, living in the same house with a mortal enemy,



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and finally both determined to move. Arrangements were made, and, as luck would have it, both moved the same day. Lady No. 1 loaded up her household goods in the morning, and in the afternoon a dray pulled up and carried away the trunk, shawlstraps, and other effects of Lady No. 2.

Lady No. 1 was just composing herself to view the surroundings of her new lodging place, when a wagon stopped at the front door and began to unload a collection of articles unmistakably feminine. She sized up the trunk and went downstairs, filled with a horrible suspicion, to interview the landlady.

Her suspicions were true. They had moved into the same house.

There is no more to the story. Of course, they should have made up their differences and lived in peace and charity ever after. But they did not. Lady No. 2 never got her trunk inside of the house.

Snowballs Rolled by the Wind.

Passengers on the Flint River division of the Flint & Pere Marquette railroad who came to Flint, Mich., recently reported observing a strange phenomenon in large, level fields not far from the city, says the Chicago Tribune. Hundreds of snowballs, some of them of colossal size, have been rolled together, it is thought, by the action of the wind. The fields were covered with them, and nature accomplished in one night what it would take a large force of boys several days to do.

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THE ELECTORAL VOTE.

The following is the electoral vote of the states as based upon the apportionment act of Feb. 7, 1891:

Alabama	11	Nebraska	8
Arkansas	8	Nevada	3
California	9	New Hampshire	4
Colorado	4	New Jersey	17
Connecticut	6	New York	36
Delaware	3	North Carolina	11
Florida	4	North Dakota	3
Georgia	13	Ohio	23
Idaho	3	Oregon	4
Illinois	24	Pennsylvania	22
Indiana	15	Rhode Island	4
Iowa	13	South Carolina	9
Kansas	10	South Dakota	4
Kentucky	13	Tennessee	12
Louisiana	8	Texas	15
Maine	6	Utah	3
Maryland	8	Vermont	4
Massachusetts	15	Virginia	12
Michigan	14	Washington	4
Minnesota	9	West Virginia	6
Mississippi	9	Wisconsin	12
Missouri	17	Wyoming	3
Montana	3		
Total, 441 necessary for choice, 224.			

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BY THE CITY OF PHOENIX!

Such is the Condition of the

Churchill Addition.

But, notwithstanding they are now in the city itself, there are a few lots for sale yet at prices corresponding with the "Sound Money Doctrine" of President Cleveland and his cuckoos, which means that kind of a dollar which will buy two dollars worth of property. These lots are near the new electric car line which is now in operation. The lots are in the city and their occupants do not need to ride into town, but the presence of electric street cars is popular and adds market value to the property. Inside of five years this will be business property. Buy a lot now for a residence and when business crowds you out the rents will support you in a house outside in some addition where you can keep a horse and drive into town and collect your rents. Terms, $\frac{1}{3}$ cash $\frac{1}{3}$ in one year, $\frac{1}{3}$ in two years at 10 per cent interest.

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